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## IT'S A FAKE OUT

RCMP Cpl. John Montgomery shows the poor quality stitching on a counterfeit Winnipeg Jets jersey, adding fewer fake Jets jerseys were seized this year, likely because of the NHL labour dispute. RCMP displayed tens of thousands of dollars worth of fake merchandise to media Tuesday. Story, page 4. BEN SINGER/METRO

## Murder rate in Man. #1

### Fifth straight year.

Homicide rate up by seven per cent across Canada, StatsCan says

Among the provinces, Manitoba reported the highest homicide rate for the fifth year in a row, followed by Saskatchewan and Alberta, Statistics Canada said Tuesday.

Police reported 598 homicides in Canada in 2011, 44 more than the year before and the first increase in homicide in three years.

The agency said the homicide rate was 1.73 per 100,000 people in 2011, seven per cent higher than in 2010, although the rate of firearms homicides fell to the lowest level in almost 50 years.

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### Gang activity

Police considered 95 homicides to be gang-related in 2011, similar to 2010, but well below the peak of 138 reached in 2008. Gang homicides increased steadily from the early 1990s until 2008, before declining in both 2009 and 2010.

The rate of homicides involving handguns has also generally been declining since reaching a peak in 1991, although they account for about two-thirds of all firearm homicides.

Stabbings accounted for virtually the entire increase in homicides in 2011, with 39 more stabbings.

Overall, stabbings accounted for 35 per cent of homicides, firearms for 27 per cent, beatings for 22 per cent and strangulation for seven per cent. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Palestinian aid to stay

Tories to keep giving millions in funding after all PAGE 9

### Charging forward

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Safety

## Motorists will have to slow down for emergency vehicles

Manitoba motorists will soon have to slow down when passing emergency vehicles stopped on the highway.

The NDP is tabling legislation that would require motorists on most highways to slow down to 60 km/h when passing police cars, ambulances or other emergency vehicles stopped on or beside the road.

On smaller roadways, where speed limits are less than 79 kilometres an hour, drivers would have to slow down to 40 km/h.

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Work

## Tories say they wouldn't impose union agreements on non-union workers

Manitoba Opposition Leader Brian Pallister says he would open up labour agreements on government projects if he were premier.

Pallister is denouncing master labour agreements on new projects for Manitoba Hydro, the Red River Floodway Authority and other agencies.

He says the agreements will add an estimated \$3 billion in costs to the \$22 billion in work planned over the next decade. The master labour deals set wages and other benefits for all workers on a project and require workers to pay union dues in exchange.

Pallister says that amounts to "forced unionization" and discourages some businesses from bidding for contracts.

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Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce president and CEO Dave Angus released the results of the organization's second BOLD Business Leaders Survey Tuesday.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

# Manitoba businesses set to grow: Survey

**On the rise in 2013.** Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce survey shows business leaders wary of government



SHANE GIBSON

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Manitoba businesses have weathered the economic downturn and expect to see growth next year according to a Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce (WCC) survey of its members released Tuesday.

But the chamber's second BOLD Business Leaders Survey — a much rosier follow-up to the first in

2010 when the recession had business confidence low — shows business leaders feel government regulations are getting in the way of potential growth.

"We've got some strong messages to government coming out of here," explained WCC president and CEO Dave Angus of the survey. "We have to get out of our own way when it comes to heavy regulation and heavy taxation."

The online survey of 174 chamber members shows 51.2 per cent of the businesses polled report they've increased their workforce over the last year and 49 per cent say they'll do the same in 2013, but when asked what uncontrollable factors are having the most impact on their businesses

Quote

**"We have to get out of our own way when it comes to heavy regulation and heavy taxation."**

Dave Angus, WCC president and CEO

the most popular answer at 38.5 per cent was government regulations.

Angus said it's Manitoba's payroll tax — which kicks in when a business's payroll hits \$1.2 million — that is the biggest rock in the shoe for businesses.

"It creates less incentive for companies to grow here in Manitoba, and more incentive for them to grow elsewhere," he said, noting Manitoba is one of the only provinces in Canada who

Survey

Survey respondents gave the feds top marks for government performance in creating a competitive business climate at 64 per cent, followed by the municipal government at 57 per cent and the provincial government at 47 per cent.

levy a payroll tax. "If they want good economic results coming out of Manitoba they have a role to play."

The WCC would like to see the province increase the point where payroll taxes kick in to \$2.4 million, and Angus hopes the survey results will help encourage those changes.

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Thunderbird House lost its federal funding to the tune of \$230,000. BEN SINGER/METRO

# Thunderbird House facing funding crunch

**Grant cut.** Aboriginal centre looks to capital campaign in 2013

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One of Winnipeg's important aboriginal institutions is facing a major funding shortfall after Ottawa cut an annual grant.

Circle Of Life Thunderbird House, which has its distinctive roundhouse on Main Street, had been receiving \$230,000 a year from the federal government, but were told recently that would be cut off as of March 2013.

The centre offers services such as elder outreach pro-

## Circle Of Life

"This is a great place, a spiritual place. It's so unique. There is no other centre like Thunderbird House in Western Canada."

Kevin Hart, co-chair of Thunderbird House

grams and "perception awareness training" for companies with aboriginal employees.

The organization's co-chairman, Kevin Hart, said he knew Thunderbird House could not rely on government funding forever. But Hart admitted they would have to scramble for funds to remain operational past March 2013 when the

current federal money runs out.

The centre is also facing about \$500,000 in needed repairs to the 12-year-old roundhouse building that was designed by celebrated aboriginal architect Douglas Cardinal.

Among other issues, Hart explained that the roundhouse has no air conditioning. If that were installed, he said, the additional summer usage would pay for itself in a year.

Thunderbird House plans to raise money through a capital campaign next year, and by increasing use of its space for rentals. The centre is a registered charity and has funding partnerships with groups including the Winnipeg Foundation and the Canada Women's Foundation.

## Fleetwood Mac

### No longer a Rumour

Multi-Grammy winning group Fleetwood Mac announced a new North American tour Tuesday, and one of those stops will be in Winnipeg.

The group, which released the hugely successful album Rumours 35 years ago, kicks off the tour on April 4 in Columbus, Ohio and makes a stop in Winnipeg on May 12.

Tickets go on sale Monday, Dec. 17, at 10 a.m. through Ticketmaster. Tickets range in price from \$61.95 to \$195. METRO

## Knock-offs. Phoney product seizures in the province on the rise

If you find a pair of Canada Goose gloves for sale in Winnipeg with a price tag that reads "499 yen," you might want to reconsider that purchase.

The counterfeit gloves were among a haul of seized knock-offs displayed by RCMP in Winnipeg Tuesday. The phony items include faux iPhone parts, fake Beats By Dr. Dre headphones, stuffed animals, baby products, brand-name jewelry and sports jerseys, among others.

The Mounties say they have seized \$500,000 worth of knock-off goods in Manitoba in the past year, an increase of

more than \$100,000 from 2011. Many of the fakes are intercepted in transit with the help of the Canada Border Services Agency, but others are found through anonymous tips and store raids.

Cpl. John Montgomery with the RCMP's Federal Enforcement section says that as well as taking money from legitimate manufacturers, fake goods lack quality control and can be a safety hazard.

"You may be putting your family in danger," Montgomery warned.

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# John McAfee seeks asylum in Guatemala

**On the lam.** Founder of anti-virus company fled Belize fearing death in police custody

Software company founder John McAfee has surfaced in public for the first time in weeks, saying on Tuesday that he plans to ask for asylum in Guatemala because he fears persecution in Belize.

McAfee spoke to The Associated Press in a restaurant near a high-end hotel where he is staying in Guatemala City after sneaking out of neighbouring Belize. Police in Belize have called him a person of interest in the November slaying of a fellow American expat.

McAfee says he is being persecuted by the Belizean government and has sensitive information about official corruption in the country where

## Real-world security

**"I need a safe place where I can actually speak out."**

Anti-virus company founder John McAfee

he lived in a compound guarded by aggressive dogs and armed guards.

"Now that I'm here, I can speak freely. I can speak openly," McAfee said.

He said he plans to petition the Guatemalan government to allow him to stay. He added that he fears he will be killed if he turns himself in for questioning in Belize.

"Belize does not have a good track record of providing safety when they ask to question you," he said. "I felt much more secure crossing the border into a country that had laws that were backed by the justice system."

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John McAfee, left, with his lawyer, Telesforo Guerra, answers questions at a restaurant in Guatemala City on Tuesday. MOISES CASTILLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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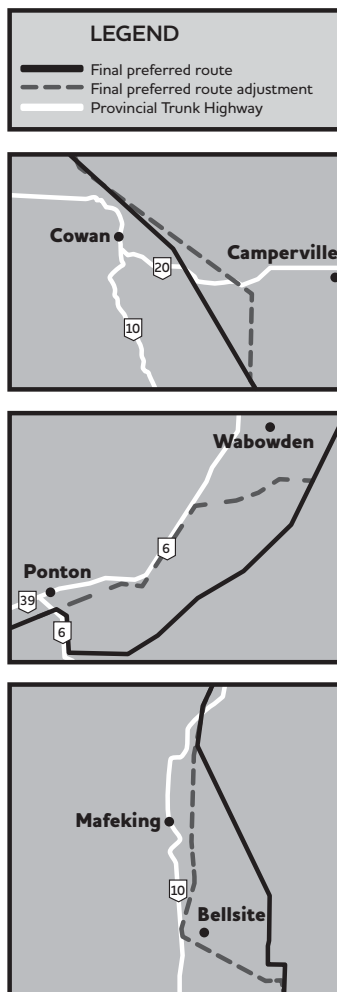
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## Royal Family. Boy or girl, Kate's baby will take the throne: U.K. government

The business of monarchy has always been stacked in favour of men. Not any more — or so the British government promises.

The first child of Prince William and his wife, Kate, will be born a king or a queen in waiting, under changes to succession rules designed to overturn centuries of tradition and give royal daughters the same rights as sons.

Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg pledged on Tuesday that the law on succession would be changed at the "earliest opportunity." He said "whether the baby is a boy or a girl, they will have an equal claim to the throne."

"Born to rule, be it a boy or a girl" proclaimed the Daily Mail, which noted that the baby had "already made royal and constitutional history" even before it is born.

Not so fast, caution others. A royal saga needs a touch of uncertainty, and experts point out that despite politicians' promises, the law giving males primacy in succession has not yet been changed — and the clock is ticking.



Britain's Prince William leaves a hospital in London on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"We know that the wishes of politicians are written in water," said royal historian Robert Lacey. "Law only becomes law when the law is made — and the law has not been made."

Last year, the leaders of Britain and the 15 former colonies that have the queen as their head of state informally agreed to establish new rules giving female children equal status with males in the order of succession — something that will require legal changes in each country.

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### Stay curious

#### NASA hopes to send Curiosity clone to Mars

NASA says it wants to launch another mega-rover to Mars modelled on the wildly popular Curiosity.

The space agency said Tuesday that the spacecraft will be built from Curiosity's spare parts. It would use the novel landing system that got the car-size rover to Mars in August.

The new mission, estimated to cost about \$1.5 billion, is scheduled for 2020. But the rover's exact purpose in the mission hasn't been hashed out yet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Magnetosphere

#### Scientists discover radioactive chirps from the cosmos

Twin spacecraft have captured the clearest sounds yet from Earth's radiation belts — and they mimic the chirping of birds.

NASA's Van Allen Probes have been exploring the radiation belts surrounding Earth for just three months. But already, they've collected measurements of high-energy particles and radio waves in unprecedented detail.

The chorus has been audible before, however; ham radio operators could sometimes hear it decades ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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## Ottawa

## BoC maintains interest rates will need to rise

The Bank of Canada is holding fast to its view that the economy is poised for a comeback and that interest rates will need to rise at some point in the future.

The central bank offered no surprises in its Tuesday interest rate announcement, keeping the policy setting rate at one per cent

for the 18th consecutive announcement date.

Bank governor Mark Carney kept in place his future guidance that in all likelihood rates are more likely to rise in the future than fall, or even stay the same.

"Although underlying momentum appears slightly softer than previously anticipated, the pace of economic growth is expected to pick up through 2013," the bank said in its policy statement. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Washington

## Plans for avoiding fiscal cliff far apart

Both President Barack Obama and Republicans in Congress now have laid out some specifics of their vision for stepping back from the "fiscal cliff" budget crisis, but the plans are vastly different and leave politicians far from agreement with a deadline less than a month away.

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## Calgary

## Canadian Pacific to cut 4,500 jobs

Canadian Pacific says it will eliminate some 4,500 jobs by 2016 and expects more than a third of those cuts to come by year-end as the struggling railroad works to bring down its operating costs. The Calgary-based company said reductions will be achieved through job cuts, attrition and reducing contractors.

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Canadian Pacific Rail locomotives sit idle at the company's Port Coquitlam yard east of Vancouver in May. Canadian Pacific announced job cuts Tuesday morning. **THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE**

## Market Minute



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## CFIB report. Five extra public sector sick days cost up to \$3.5B yearly

A new report suggests public sector employees in Canada take nearly five more sick, disability and personal days per year than Canadians working in the private sector.

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business says those extra days cost up to \$3.5 billion per year, noting some public sector workers can bank unused sick days, then take a lump-sum payment or use the days to retire early.

The CFIB says federal government employees take the most time off, averaging 15.2 sick, disability and personal days per year compared to 12.9 days in the overall public sector and 8.2 days in the overall private sector.

In its report, the CFIB calls

### Private sector figures

**6.7**

Employees in businesses with fewer than 20 employees averaged 6.7 days off, while those in firms with more than 500 employees took 9.1 days, which is still lower than the public sector average.

for sick day allotments to be aligned with those offered in the private sector and for the accumulation of unused sick days to be discontinued.

"I don't think anybody believes that public sector workers just get sick more often, yet something makes them feel entitled to more time off," said CFIB president and CEO Dan Kelly. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



## U.K. PM warns editors to take action on press regulator

Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron meets children at a primary school in London on Tuesday. Earlier, Cameron warned newspaper editors they must act quickly to set up an independent press regulator in the wake of a media ethics scandal. **NEIL HALL/PA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Banking. BMO to focus on growing overhauled operations in the U.S.

The Bank of Montreal has set it sights on growing its U.S. business, it said Tuesday after spending more than a year overhauling and revamping the operations.

BMO chief executive Bill Downe said the bank is launching a massive advertising blitz now that the integration of Milwaukee-based

Marshall and Ilsley Corp. is complete.

"This month we're blanketing our U.S. footprint with some of the strongest advertising and promotions the bank has ever developed, online, outdoor, broadcast and in-branch," Downe said on a conference call with analysts.

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# OH, CHRISTMAS TREE, WHY DO YOU CAUSE SUCH A DEBATE?



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There's an important dialogue going on in households around the world right about now.

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**He:** So, where do you think the tree should go this year?

**She:** You know, Hon, I really think we should bite the bullet and buy an artificial tree this year. Those real trees are so messy. They drop all their needles and are full of bugs. Squirrels, too, maybe.

**He:** The trouble with artificial trees is that they look as if they were put together on craft day at kindergarten using toilet brushes and spray paint.

**She:** That's not true! The new ones are pretty nice and they come with lights. All you have to do is take them out of the box, plug them in and voila: instant Christmas.

**He:** I try to stay away from anything with the word 'instant' in it: Instant coffee ... instant mashed potatoes.

**She:** But real trees are so expensive. To get one that looks any good, you have to spend at least \$50.

**He:** The only artificial ones that look any good at all cost seven or eight hundred bucks. At that

## The pine needle in my side

The only artificial ones that look any good at all cost seven or eight hundred bucks. At that price, it will take an eternity of *instant* Christmases to amortize the cost.

price, it will take an eternity of *instant* Christmases to amortize the cost.

*Sound of quaint landline ringing.*

**Offspring:** Hi Daddy! What's up?

**He:** Hi. Your mother is lobbying for an artificial tree again this year.

**Offspring:** Nooooo! It wouldn't be Christmas. The Geneva Convention specifically calls for a real tree to be sacrificed as a solstice offering. Have you called the Xmas police?

**He:** Not yet. She does make a certain amount of sense about the mess, which I end up cleaning up every year. And it's harder now because I have to toss the old tree over the balcony.

**Offspring:** Don't be silly, Daddy. You can get one of those noble firs. They don't lose their needles until Easter and only cost \$100 or so.

**He:** Is that all?

**Offspring:** And you get to save Christmas. I know I can count on you, Daddy. Gotta run! Ciao!

**She:** Was that our daughter?

**He:** Yes. She accused you of trying to ruin Christmas.

**She:** Same old, same old. By the way, I've been

thinking: We could get one of those Charlie Brown trees from

Ikea. I think they come free with a dozen meatballs.

**He:** I believe that's Lillie Karl in Sweden. And his dog is called Snobben. At least there

would be no place for the bugs to hide.

**She:** You can't help showing off, can you?

**He:** So where do you think the tree should go this year?



# Road bump in the baby lodge



CHRIS JACKSON/GETTY IMAGES

## Royal pregnancy

### Police not fooled by princely mask

A man wearing a Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, mask is escorted away by a policeman at the King Edward VII hospital in London, England. Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, remains in hospital after Monday's announcement of her pregnancy and the fact she is suffering from hyperemesis gravidarum or acute morning sickness. **METRO**

## #royalbaby

### Messages from the womb, under 140 characters

This man isn't the only royal impostor caught up in baby-mania. Spoof Twitter accounts of the unborn child are getting attention.

"CURRENT STATUS: DARK IN HERE, WILL UPDATE," tweeted @RoyalFoetus, which has 6,800+ followers. A rival, @Royal-Fetus (10,000+ followers), said: "I may not have bones yet, but I'm already more important than everyone reading this." **METRO**

## What are the odds?

# 8-1

Bettors in Britain have a range of possible wagers from betting agencies William Hill, Ladbrokes and Paddy Power. Paddy Power will give you 8-1 odds for betting on twins; 100-1 for triplets; and for quadruplets or more you'll get 500-1 odds.

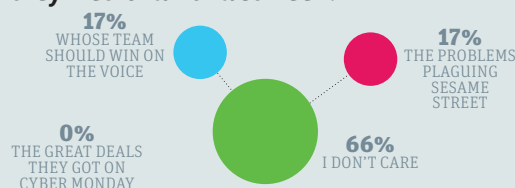
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What do you think Barack Obama and rival Mitt Romney really talked about when they met for lunch last week?



## Twitter

**@itsryanreyes:** Funny. I was complaining (in my head) the other day how I sometimes hate the smell of mcdick's/ subway. Get into my bud's car. KFC. The best!

**@ianmcc:** same day I woke up at 4:30 am we're out of coffee grounds. I am gonna faint now.

**@rcHaxx:** Here are Canada's top 10 cities

ranked by their homicide rate per 100,000 people: 1. Winnipeg, 5.08 Good job Winnipeg!!! lol

**@meghhaannnn:** finding out winnipeg humane society has a cat matching program #findingmyperfectkitty #cat-ladyproblems #singlewithcats

**@tryped:** Yelling at people to Get Bent, just like it's 1986.



## On top of the cheesy charts

Barry Manilow has become just the fifth artist to score 50 hits on Billboard's Adult Contemporary chart. The sentimental performer entered the rarified mix thanks to a cushy rendition of Santa Claus Is Coming to Town off his new Christmas album. As any Fanilow worth their One Night Live! One Last Time! concert tee could tell you, it's been four decades since the romantic balladeer first cracked the easy listening chart in November of 1974 with Mandy (the first of 13 of Manilow's ditties that would soar to No. 1 on the chart). We cosy up with the AC music titans voted most easy on the ears.

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**Johnny Mathis**

**AC chart appearances: 49**

While just one chart appearance shy of an official 50 entries club membership, this velvet voiced crooner pioneered the greatest hits album format. 1958's Johnny's Greatest Hits earned Mathis a spot in the Guinness Book of World Record.



**Elvis Presley**

**AC chart appearances: 53**

You can thank the king, and thank him very much for assuring that the rhythm and blues, rock and roll and gospel charts got all shook up during his reign from the 1950s through the '70s until his untimely passing.

Easy Listening Cred: Can't Help Falling in Love, Suspicious Minds, It's Now or Never.



**Neil Diamond**

**AC chart appearances: 58**

While millennials know this jazzy vocalist as the guy who sings Sweet Caroline, Diamond has written a treasure trove of soft rock gems. He's sold over 125 million records during his five decades on the scene. Easy Listening Cred: America, Heartlight, Forever in Blue Jeans.

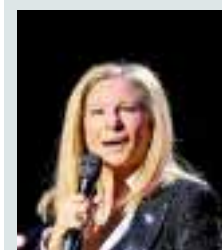


**Elton John**

**AC chart appearances: 68**

In high school, this bespectacled pop piano prodigy should have been voted "most likely to be heard in an animated movie."

With lyricist Bernie Taupin in tow, the rocket man launched one hit after the other into radio orbit since Your Song off his sophomore album cracked the top 10 in 1970.



**Barbra Streisand**

**AC chart appearances: 64**

Trends, smrends, Babs eschewed 'em all, including rhinoplasty, fearing a nose job would ruin her voice. Never following suit with the hipsters of her heyday, Streisand was adult contemporary long before the term was coined.

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John Travolta

## Travolta's alleged lover sues star

A man who told the National Enquirer that he had a "steamy affair" with John Travolta while working as his pilot from 1981 to 1987 is now suing the actor, insisting he never signed a confidentiality agreement that would bar him from talking to the media about his time with the actor, according to TMZ.

The man, Doug Gotterba, claims Travolta's lawyer,

Marty Singer, threatened a lawsuit after the story was published. Singer maintains that Gotterba's termination agreement included a confidentiality clause and that the former employee is just out for attention. "Mr. Gotterba obviously filed this lawsuit to get his 15 minutes of fame," Singer says. "We plan to get this meritless case promptly dismissed."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

### The Word

## Random sources state the obvious about Will and Kate



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The news of Will and Kate's impending arrival has the tabloids in a tizzy — and scrambling for anyone, anyone at all, to be quoted about it.

I've compiled a sampling of the best of these random, mostly anonymous sources, all of whom state how Kate and Will will be good parents (as if anyone is going to say that she's going to become a baby-smacking alcoholic and he's planning on raising the baby as a racist).

The best of the bunch, with an added bonus of Snooki (say what?) commentary:

"Kate will be a firm but fair mother. Kate will let her



children have fun and freedom, but she will also make sure they do what is best for them." —

A "pal" of the Duchess of Cambridge, per Us Weekly.

"I can see William wanting to take time off in the modern paternity-leave style, so that he bonds with his child." — A "family friend" to daily-mail.co.uk

"(Kate and Will) both try to be as normal as possible in their private lives. ... Everyone's always said what great parents they'll be, since they are such a caring couple and very relaxed. They will lavish love on their children." — Jessica Hay, a "childhood acquaintance" of Kate's, to Australian tabloid New Idea

"I'm sure she will be an amazing mom." — Snooki to the New York Daily News

## Perry hides from Brand under the table

A nice dinner out at the Beverly Hills Polo Lounge with John Mayer turned awkward for Katy Perry when her ex-husband, Russell Brand, showed up. Just how awkward are we talking about? Perry reportedly crouched under her table and hid just to avoid Brand, according to Us Weekly. "The hostess almost



Katy Perry

seated Russell next to Kay," a source says. "Kay's face was like, 'Oh s—!'" And while the seating disaster was averted and Brand was set up elsewhere in the restaurant, he apparently needed to satisfy his curiosity upon learning of Perry's presence. "On his way to the bathroom, he looked at [John and Katy] through a window," the source adds.

### Twitter



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I'm gonna write a book. A novel. It's called A PRIVATE MISUNDERSTANDING. Can you guess what it's about? Can you guess what happens?



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Since 1985, the United Nations has recognized the contributions of volunteers around the world on Dec. 5, International Volunteer Day. Metro talks to Cuso International and Free The Children, international development organizations that send volunteers overseas to share their expertise with partners in other nations. Here, they offer five things to consider before taking the leap into overseas volunteering.

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Visual artist Stephanie Stoker (centre) works with young adults in Peru. CUSO INTERNATIONAL

### Choose your organization carefully

Some organizations require you to pay your own way, and often include a fee; volunteering may be a fundraising mechanism for a development project. For others, volunteering is fundamental to their programs, and those serving take on professional roles in longer-term development.

SEAN KELLY, CUSO INTERNATIONAL

### Work alongside the local community

Often times, travellers volunteer in isolation from the local community in which they are working in. Make sure to travel with organizations that have strong partnerships with local communities and governments. This enables you to ensure you are committing to a project that promotes long term and sustainable change.

CRAIG KIELBURGER, FOUNDER, FREE THE CHILDREN



School-building with local children creates a lasting bond for volunteers. FREE THE CHILDREN

# 5 things every volunteer should know



Bairu Sium, left, a Toronto high school teacher, assists his colleagues in education in Tanzania. SCOTT PORTINGALE/CUSO INTERNATIONAL

### Know why you're going

Volunteers want to help and make a difference, as the cliché goes, but most know this isn't a purely selfless act. You will learn new skills, broaden your horizons and come to better understand yourself and the world. And that's all OK. Reflect on your motivations. You want to help reduce global poverty or protect the natural world, but what else? Have you always wanted to travel, but not as a tourist? Work with kids? When you understand your motivations, you'll be in a better position to choose the option that is right for you. SEAN KELLY, CUSO INTERNATIONAL

### A volunteer trip is just the beginning

Volunteer travel is a life-changing experience for both the traveller and the developing communities in which they work. Further ignite the global change maker in you by taking your experience one step further when you return home. Spread the message of your transformative experience to others, helping to spark the change within them. CRAIG KIELBURGER, FOUNDER, FREE THE CHILDREN



For young people, volunteering means being engaged, empowered and part of a team. FREE THE CHILDREN

### Don't assume you know it all

Decades of successful and not-so-successful development assistance shows that projects parachuted in from above, without consultation or roots in local communities, usually do not have long-term benefits. You will want to help build the social infrastructure that is so critical to any nation's future.

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Augustina Aporte, who lives in Bolivia, works with the Chiquitania Forest Conservation Foundation on sustainability projects. MIGUEL HORTIGUELA/CUSO INTERNATIONAL



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Through my high school business club, I participated in BizAcademy; a one-week apprenticeship program/team-based competition sponsored by Salesforce.com, an innovative cloud-computing organization. Here, I collaborated with employees and mentors to create mock business plans and client presentations. The following year, being a BizAcademy participant made me eligible for a Salesforce.com internship, which I applied for and got. The year after that, I received a \$2,500 scholarship courtesy of Salesforce.com.

## Where I am now

Today, I am employed part-time on-campus as an office assistant for the Student Life Department, and as a business peer tutor. I am also part of the school's advertising club (GHAMA) and investment council (GHIC). I am actively searching and applying for student jobs in the finance/banking industry.

My recommendations for  
employers, career centres  
and schools

Based on my past experiences, my advice is to connect



Shaheerah Kayani PROVIDED

with each other, playing the role of an intermediary to help employ bright and talented students and to find a perfect fit between students and employers.

## My advice for students and recent grads

My advice for fellow students and recent grads is to join clubs, associations, volunteer and network with professors and university staff. Simple activities such as club involvement, networking, attending conferences and summer volunteerism can lead to bigger and better opportunities in the future. And finally, it can truly help if you have an online presence — whether it is LinkedIn, a professional blog or another creative online community, such as Behance.

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## Placement pointers.

A co-op can easily turn into a full-time career, so work it like you're already on board

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Going out on a co-op work term for the first time can be daunting. Aside from showing up to work, there's a lot you should do to make a good impression.

Here are seven tips to help you make the most of your experience:

## Don't wait until the first day

If you've been given your managers' contact information, get in touch with them. Let her know that you are excited to start and find out if there is anything they can suggest for you to do before you arrive. This gives them a good impression of you before they've even met you.

## On your first day, come prepared

Bring in a copy of your job description as well as a notebook. You'll be taking in a lot of new information, so it helps if you write it down. It's also important that you rest up the night before. Even though your job might not be grueling, being in a new environment is, so help your body out by getting some sleep.

## Ask questions

Don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it. People know you are new, and in most cases, they'll be more than happy to help. Don't



Don't flood your supervisor's inbox with questions when you could have easily asked a co-worker instead. ISTOCK

be intimidated if everyone seems busy. They are, but they'll still find a way to help you — if you ask.

## Observe

Whenever possible, try to

watch and see how your manager and co-workers interact (not in a creepy way, of course!). Maybe people at your company are very casual in conversation. How do people dress? How long do

people typically go for lunch? Use what you see to help you fit in.

## Ask for work

Each manager is unique. Some might delegate tasks to you, others might only give you work if you ask for it. Don't be afraid to use the phrase, "Would you like me to do anything in particular today?" It always helps to be proactive at work. Plus, you might learn a thing or two.

When in doubt, check it out. If the work you are given is difficult and you aren't sure whether you did it correctly, ask someone to look over your work.

Your manager would definitely prefer this instead of finding a ton of mistakes later. You'll find that as time goes on, you'll feel more confident in your work.

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## Speak out

@TalentEgg: #Coop students and grads: do you think co-op placements make a big difference in hatching a career? #QuestionOfTheDay

- @SabaSabati: Absolutely! U graduate w/ min 9 months experience. Relative to those with 0, it's a huge advantage! + networking opp = priceless
- @ssimpson3: It's a great way to add some experience to your resume, network within the industry, and gain some real world skills
- @danchukal: absolutely! Coop gets ur foot in the



door and without that exp, you'll be many steps behind those who have.  
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- @sonjaferne: My worry as parent is companies cutting back; more students to place & fewer placements these days. So...is it worth it?
- @ScouseNerd: absolutely! If my previous program had anything like that I think my life would be much different today
- @Mathoraa: Definitely! It not only gives you experience, but also a 'feel' on what the job is like

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# Quick cures for the co-op kibosh

## Best of the desk.

Make it through those first few days sans any sensational slip-ups

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Landing a co-op position is great for getting hands-on experience in your field of choice, putting what you've learned in the classroom to practical use in the workplace. However, there are a few things that you should just simply not do.

To make sure you work it out in style, here are our guidelines for what not to do at your co-op position.

### Don't slack because it's not a 'real job'

While co-op placements may not be technically a 'real job,' the work and opportunity that they present are no lie.

Showing up on time and working hard will not only



Don't rule out the possibility of shadowing people in other departments if you feel you aren't learning. iStock

make your experience better, it could help turn that placement into a 'real job' in the future.

### Don't go in blank

Getting a co-op placement can be challenging, but once you get one, don't just sit back and wait for the ride to begin. Learn about the company you're working for, the different departments that

you'll be exposed to and figure out what it is that you want to get out of the experience.

Communicate your goals to your boss and work with them to make sure you make the most of your co-op.

### Don't fly under the radar

When going into a new work environment, it can be tempting to fade into the background. However, since co-ops are short-term placements, you need to utilize your time in the office to leave a positive impression.

Network within the office and get to know your colleagues and your boss.

Once you leave the office, these people can be great industry contacts for future jobs openings or mentorship so build relationships. You want to be on their radar, not flying under it.

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# Impress your guests' taste buds with sophisticated Parmesan Custard Cup

## Parmesan Custard

1. In food processor, combine light cream cheese, whipping cream and eggs. Pulse until smooth, about 2 minutes.

2. Add Parmesan, salt and pepper; continue to pulse until smooth, about 1 minute. Divide Parmesan mix into each of the eight greased glass ramekins (approx. 1/4 cup or 50 ml in each)

## Spinach Layer

1. Put spinach over strainer in the sink and gently press to remove water.

2. In skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat, add garlic; cook, stirring until aromatic, about 1 min. Stir in spinach, green onions, salt and pepper. Cook to combine flavours, 4 mins. Remove from heat and spoon a generous 1/4 cup (50 ml) spinach mix on top of Parmesan custard, pressing gently.

## Roasted Red Pepper and Salad Greens

1. In bowl, stir red pepper slices and garlic. Cover tops of spinach with a layer of

## Parmesan Custard Cup



This recipe makes 8 custard cups. EGG FARMERS OF ONTARIO

roasted red pepper. The peppers should cover the spinach. Smooth tops.

2. Place custard cups on large rimmed baking sheet and bake in 375 F (190 C) oven until set,

about 30 mins. Let cool slightly.

3. Meanwhile, in bowl, whisk together olive oil, vinegar, Dijon, salt and pepper. Toss with mixed greens.

4. Run thin knife around edges of glass ramekins. Invert onto salad plates and top each with small amount of mixed greens and serve. Or top each cup with a handful of mixed greens and serve. EGG FARMERS OF ONTARIO

## Ingredients

### Parmesan Custard

- 1 pkg (250g/8oz) light cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) whipping cream
- 3 eggs
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) each salt and freshly ground pepper

### Spinach Layer

- 2 pkgs each (300g) frozen chopped spinach, thawed
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) vegetable oil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) each salt and freshly ground pepper

### Roasted Red Pepper Layer

- 1 jar (340 ml) roasted red peppers, drained and thinly sliced
- 2 cloves garlic

### Salad

- 1/4 cup (50 ml) olive oil
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) red wine vinegar
- 2 tsp (10 ml) Dijon mustard
- salt and pepper to taste
- 3 cups (750 ml) mixed salad greens

## Drink of the Week

### Apple Cider Punch

Apple cider is one of those drinks that is automatically associated with winter and the holiday season. This version gets an added touch with grapefruit juice.

- 2 oz Bombay Sapphire
- 2.5 oz apple cider
- 1 oz grapefruit juice
- 1 egg white
- 1 oz corn syrup
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Hockey

## Americans name invitees for junior selection camp

Returning players John Gibson, Jacob Trouba and J.T. Miller as well as some top NHL prospects were among 27 players invited Tuesday to the U.S. national junior team preliminary training camp.

Alex Galchenyuk of the Sarnia Sting, drafted third overall by the Montreal Canadiens in June, as well as Toronto Maple Leafs first-rounder Tyler Biggs and the Ottawa Senators' 21st overall selection Stefan Noesen were also invited.

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NHL

## Owners, players put in marathon bargaining session

Tuesday's round of NHL labour talks stretched well into the night.

A group of 18 players and six league owners spent more than five hours in meetings on Tuesday afternoon — and they resumed talks around 10 p.m. ET after taking a break for dinner.

The marathon session was accompanied by whispers of optimism, something that had previously been in short supply. Penguins captain Sidney Crosby was among the players who sat across from the small cluster of owners, which included Pittsburgh's Ron Burkle, and those two were said to be strong voices in the room, according to sources.

Neither commissioner Gary Bettman nor NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr took part in the afternoon meetings, although both men were present at the midtown Manhattan hotel and held private sessions with their constituents. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Former Detroit Red Wings defenceman Mike Commodore, right, lands a punch on the Flames' Tim Jackman in Calgary on Jan. 31, 2011. The NHL lockout showed little sign of progress, so Commodore decided to play in the American Hockey League to try to salvage his career. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

# Journeyman in minors to salvage NHL career

## Lockout limbo.

Commodore hopes to turn heads while playing for the AHL's Hamilton Bulldogs

## Quoted

"I'm playing in front of people that I would like to see me play — NHL scouts, GMs and stuff like that."

Mike Commodore on playing in the minors

The NHL lockout showed little sign of progress, so Mike Commodore decided to take action.

But his decision to sign a 25-game professional tryout offer with the AHL's Hamilton Bulldogs was not just an effort to salvage a season.

"I need to be playing, in my opinion, if I want to have a good chance of continuing my career," he said while the Bulldogs visited the Abbotsford Heat for a pair of games last weekend. "So here I am."

The 33-year-old Sherwood Park, Alta., native was among

a long list of unrestricted NHL free agents who were left in limbo when the previous NHL collective bargaining agreement expired Sept. 15. Teams raced to sign younger, core assets before the old CBA expired, but took a pass on older UFAs until new financial parameters, notably the salary-cap maximum and contracting rules, are established.

"Obviously, they were looking to lock up guys long-term with the expiry coming up," he said. "But for guys like me, there wasn't a real rush, and then the lockout started."

Commodore split last season with the Detroit Red Wings and Tampa Bay Lightning. He is now in his 13th pro season, and has played for almost as many teams in that span.

Since being drafted by New Jersey in the second round (42nd overall) in 1992, he has logged 484 career NHL regular-season games with the Devils, Calgary, Carolina, Ottawa, Columbus, Detroit and Tampa. He has also suited up in 53 playoff games.

He won a Stanley Cup with the Carolina Hurricanes in

2005-06, played for the Calgary Flames squad that fell in seven games in the 2003-04 Stanley Cup final to Tampa Bay, and was a member of Canada's world championship-winning squad in 2007.

He has 23 NHL career regular-season goals and 83 assists along with eight post-season points.

"The last two years for me, without getting too deep into it, haven't really gone in my favour," said Commodore, who is slated to receive a pro-rated salary of \$105,000 after earning \$1 million last season. "I haven't played nearly as much as I would have liked, and it all happened very quick."

Commodore is sought for his physical play and has racked up 683 career penalty minutes in the NHL.

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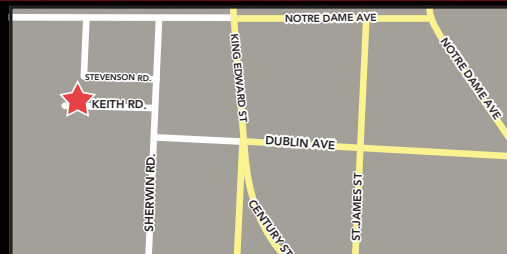
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Physical modifications aimed at maximizing the Hybrid's fuel economy include a cold-air intake for the engine plus a special front air dam, side skirts and rear spoiler for the body. The underbody has been fitted with extra panels designed to further reduce air resistance and turbulence.

## Fuel economy

The (Direct Shift Gearbox) or DSG also features a sport mode that holds each gear for a longer duration when accelerating, but at the expense of fuel economy that in "normal" mode is estimated at 4.6 l/100 km city and 4.0 highway. That beats the Jetta TDI's 6.7/4.6 highway figures and rivals the slower Civic Hybrid's.

**Review.** VW's hybrid shift is an economically sound one

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In a diesel-versus-hybrid comparison that usually pits Volkswagen against the rest of the world, did anyone really see this one coming? Volkswagen

building a hybrid? One that beats its own diesel model in fuel economy and comes close in price? Talk about a shift. Talk about the 2013 Jetta Hybrid.

The Jetta's hybrid system generates 170 net horsepower and 184 pound-feet of torque.

That's less than a Toyota Camry Hybrid or Ford Fusion Hybrid, but keep in mind that the Jetta is closer in size to the Honda Civic and its estimated 8.6-second

zero-to-60-m.p.h (96 km/h) time trumps the Civic Hybrid by 1.5 seconds and the Jetta TDI by half a second.

Assisting the Jetta Hybrid in the performance department is a seven-speed automated manual transmission (Direct Shift Gearbox, or DSG) that features rapid-fire gear changes.

It can be left in automatic mode or the driver can go manually.

On the road, the Jetta's hybrid unit can briefly operate

on electric power for up to two kilometres and at speeds up to 60 km/h in standard mode, or 70 km/h in E-Mode. However, anything more than a gentle nudge of the pedal will tell the gas engine to join in.

The interior is standard Jetta fare, with the exception of a power meter that replaces the tachometer and displays when the Hybrid is in gas or electric mode.

Each model can come

equipped with a touch-screen audio system, an energy flow display, a navigation system, a Fender-brand audio package and a rearview camera, amongst other things. The Hybrid may not displace the cheaper Jetta TDI turbo-diesel as the fuel-saver's VW of choice, but it makes a sportier alternative to mainstream hybrids with their one-dimensional approach to cutting fuel consumption.

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# Clear any driveshaft issue before you take charge in your Charger

## Second Gear.

2006-2010 Dodge Charger

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In its last generation, the Dodge Charger was a Canadian-built American sedan that offered up plenty of space, power and feature content. Sharing the same rear-drive 'LX' platform as the Chrysler 300 and Dodge Magnum, it offered up plenty of room, available HEMI V8 power and a comfortable, laid-back ride. Look for feature content including Bluetooth, navigation, heated leather, a sunroof, automatic climate control, remote access, cruise control, power seats and plenty more.

### Common Issues

On HEMI-powered units especially, ensure the engine runs smoothly from idle to redline while accelerating lightly, moderately, and at full-throttle where traffic conditions permit. Any lumpiness or hesitation in power delivery could be the result of a computer or sensor-related issue.

A full check of the Charger's on-board electronics is advised, ensuring all motorized or computer-driven features work properly and as expected.

Numerous reports of issues with the Charger's driveshaft have been posted online—so be sure to have this component checked by a mechanic. Signs of a bad driveshaft could include a

'vibration' from beneath the car at speed or while accelerating. Test-drivers are also advised to 'listen' for any unwelcomed noises from the front suspension.

Finally, ensure the gear selector moves freely between its positions. Charger may be affected by a fairly common problem with a part inside the selector mechanism that can prevent it from being shifted, particularly out of 'PARK'.

### Engine



Charger offered up 3 engine options. The standard 2.7 litre V6 should be avoided because of reliability concerns—leaving shoppers to pick between a 3.5 litre V6 with 250 horsepower, or a 5.7 litre HEMI V8 with up to 370. Automatic transmissions were fitted to all models, and all-wheel drive was optional.

### What owners like



Styling, roominess, a generous trunk, overall value and overall performance were all highly rated by Charger owners. Particularly, HEMI-powered models were loved for robust acceleration and sound effects.

### What owners dislike



Some owners complain of limited outward visibility, big blind spots, poor fuel consumption with the V8, and a 'slippery' feel to driving the Charger in the rain or snow. Proper winter tires should address the latter.

### Verdict

Shoppers longing for style, size and performance over fuel mileage shouldn't be disappointed by a healthy, well-maintained Charger. Shop with confidence once the model you're considering gets a thumbs-up from a mechanic.



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# L.A. show proves that cars are always greener (and shinier) on the other side

## Electric evolution.

Automakers have spotted consumers' love of green, and the result is gorgeous, guilt-free vehicles



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Do you suffer from shiny object syndrome, or SOS as it's known in the self-help industry? Are you pulled invisibly toward bright shiny objects, and then transfixed in their orbit, while you try to rationalize their purchase or theft?

Then don't go, like I did last week, to the Los Angeles Auto Show. It's full of things you will want to steal or buy — even the so-called green ones. The evolution of green vehicles coming in more and more attractive packages has happened over the last decade or so, after automakers

realized that we consumers are drawn to green, so long as it is in a vehicle form that fits our emotional or practical needs, for whatever life stage we're in at the moment.

For example, while small and utilitarian is the ultimate way to go green, the chances are slim that you're going to buy a smart-for-two electric if you go to ski country every winter weekend with four kids and a smelly dog.

On the flip side, the chances are also slim you're going to shell out \$100,000-plus for a cool Fisker Karma hybrid when you're a freshman at U of Jägermeister.

The talking heads during the automakers' press days at the L.A. show repeatedly mentioned that there is no silver bullet to green technology, and that they'll have to make green advances on all fronts and on all types of vehicles, and that the vehicles themselves cannot "not deliver" their respective brand promises.

So, if I could, I would like to draw your attention to three L.A. debuts that illustrate this vision.

## Chevrolet Spark EV

Chevrolet is GM's go-to brand for targeting young hipsters and value-conscious elders. As Chevrolet's smallest car, the Spark is already a great urban mobility device, and the electrification of it makes it even more so. When it goes on sale next summer, for about \$32,500 US (the U.S. federal rebate of \$7,500 lowers the price to \$25,000), it will be GM's first all-electric passenger vehicle since the EV1 was controversially discontinued in 2003. Unfortunately, the small number of Spark EVs coming to Canada next year is strictly for fleet accounts.

Technical highlights: Lots of components carried over from Volt; First vehicle to use new SAE Combo DC Fast Charging protocol, enables Spark EV to charge to 80 per cent in 20 minutes; Two seven-inch LCD screens to better utilize smartphone infotainment, like navigation, satellite radio and Apple's Siri voice thing. On top of that is a Lithium ion battery pack and electric motor (designed and built by GM in the U.S.) which delivers 130 hp and 400 pound-feet of torque! It should be a hoot to drive. Expect speeds of around 80 km/h.

## Mercedes-Benz Ener-G-Force

The L.A. show hosted a design challenge, where



automakers could envision a Highway Patrol Vehicle in 2025. Mercedes-Benz came up with the Ener-G-Force, which channels the vibe of a G Class off-roader circa 1979. There is, however, a twist. The G Force stores rainwater in the tanks on the roof, and transfers it to the "hydro-tech convertor," where it's turned into hydrogen for operating the fuel cells. "Swappable" battery packs are stored in the side skirts. There is an electric motor at each wheel to deliver four-wheel drive. A 360-degree topography scanner sends data to the suspension computer, which adjusts suspension parameters for maximum traction. It's a zero-emission vehicle with zero tolerance for citizen misbehaviour.



## BMW i8 Spyder

The BMW i8 Spyder shown in L.A. is definitely a concept, but production versions of both i8 coupes and convertibles are definitely coming sometime around the 2014-15 timeframe.

Expect prices of more than \$100,000 and top speeds of more than 150 mph, so they'll definitely be worthy of wearing the BMW badge. The "petrol" part of the plug-in hybrid concept is a three-cylinder turbo-diesel, expected to deliver about 70 mpg (3.36 L/100 km).

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## Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 - April 20

Look ahead and make plans — the bigger the better. The planets are encouraging you to try out new ways of doing things and before the current week is over, you will have had a revelation of some kind.

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

What happens over the next 24 hours will convince you there can be no more looking back. It is the future that matters and the future begins now. Change your life by changing the way you think about it.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Why do you believe you are surrounded by enemies? Whatever the reason, it must not be allowed to stop you from taking risks. Over the next few days, if you bet against the odds, you might just win big.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

What is the one thing you are really good at? Everyone has a talent of some sort and if you identify yours and do something with it, you will soon enjoy amazing success. Do what comes naturally and do it brilliantly.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Be brave and take that big gamble you have been thinking of. There are, of course, no guarantees but life is supposed to be fun and one of the most fun things you can do is to reach beyond your usual limits.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

A long-term problem will work itself out to your complete satisfaction today and to say you will be surprised is a big understatement. Don't think about it too much, just make the most of it.

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

It seems you have been working at cross purposes with a friend, but the good news is you can easily set things straight. Identify what each of you is trying to accomplish then resolve to help one another.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Someone new will come into your life today and it could be the start of a great friendship. You may be as different as chalk is from cheese but for some reason you will click. It could be you are soul mates.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Old-fashioned ideas and habitual routines tend to bore you and that's good because success will come through trying new things. Don't just move with the times, move ahead of the times. Shake up the status quo.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Whatever it is you get up to next it is sure to change the way other people look at you, and maybe even the way you look at yourself. Strive to be different, not just today but every day from now on.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You will have plenty to say for yourself today but there is a danger you will say too much and turn others against you. That may not worry you much now but it will later on when you need their assistance.

### Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Today's events will surprise you, especially if you are the kind of Pisces who thinks in terms of black and white or good and bad. Try not to be so conservative in your opinions. Strive to see the bigger picture.

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## Crossword

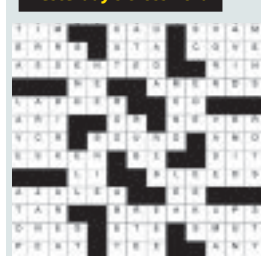
### Across

1. Auger
4. Skin
8. Star —: Deep Space Nine
12. Stage of sleep (abbr.)
13. Vicinity
14. Peacekeeping grp.
15. Battery sz.
16. Common suffix
17. "Smoking or —?"
18. Problem solving technique
24. Urn
25. Part of UCLA
26. Catty
28. — de Janeiro
29. Runaway singer Shannon
32. Vocalized pauses
33. Yield
35. Jay-Z's genre
36. Understand
37. Flee from the law
38. Balsam and Evergreen
39. Charlottetown province (abbr.)
40. Use the phone
42. Genuinely real
48. GPS heading (abbr.)
49. NHL legend Bobby
50. First two vowels in a sequence
51. Orange peel
53. Only one time
54. Rap sheet abbreviation
55. Director Preminger
56. Meadows
57. Berlin article

### Down

1. Spirited horse
2. "What Not to —"
3. Letters between K and N
4. Growing —
5. Greeted the day
6. Monthly expense

## Yesterday's Crossword



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### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## Yesterday's Sudoku

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### TODAY



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